

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1084 - HB 909

February 17, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Changes the Tennessee Rural Health (TRH) scholarship program, currently a five-year pilot project, to a permanent lottery scholarship program. Increases, from \$12,000 to \$20,000, the maximum amount of each TRH scholarship. Establishes a cap of no more than 25 TRH scholarships awarded annually. Requires the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) and the Department of Health to study the effectiveness of the TRH scholarship program and include results in THEC's annual report.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$500,000/Lottery for Education Account

Assumptions:

- The TRH scholarship program will not sunset in the 2012-2013 academic year.
- A total of 25 scholarships will be given out annually with an award amount of \$20,000 per scholarship.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures from the Lottery for Education Account will be \$500,000 (\$20,000 x 25).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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